

# Quarter Century Wireless Association Southwest Ohio Chapter 9

April / May 2009

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Our Regular Meetings are on the SECOND Tue with Lunch at 11:30 AM  
at the MCL Cafeteria 4485 Far Hills Av. in Kettering

## Meetings

Apr 14, Mark Tessneer, KB8ZR, Outlook & Opportunities  
May 12, Gerd Schrick, Visiting Berlin after 50 Years

## Happy Easter

### *Happy Birthday to the following*

4/24/37	W8ILC	5/31/47	N8KPJ	6/7/21	W8MK
5/7/29	KA8GYV	6/2/25	W8EWD		
5/12/19	W8WTL	6/6/20	WR8A		

## President's Comments

Well, spring is here! We had some nice days already, but this being early April, cold weather is still possible. Nevertheless it is time to get ready for long overdue antenna work.

The nice days in March brought out our "OT help group" to do just such work already. This group helps taking antennas down, or putting them up for older hams or for xyls of silent keys. On March 20<sup>th</sup>, a Saturday, Sam, N8VES, Terry, KC8GDS, and myself were on a mission to take down a 35' tower. The tower was considered scrap and Sam and Terry, with gusto, cut away with their battery operated hacksaw. I stayed on the ground and never got higher than a few feet on a stepladder. Still my whole body ached afterwards. The long winter prevents you from getting the necessary exercise. The young folks didn't seem to have this problem!

We have presently three more jobs lined up, and if you need some help with an antenna problem, let me know and we try to schedule something. It might take a while, because help is available mostly on weekends, as our young folks are still among the working people. Also it might take a while before we get around all the projects.

Hamvention is coming up in a little over a month and I hope you plan to attend. We definitely would like to have you at our banquet Friday night. I am trying to have our three 75-year veterans there. The presentation

about art should be interesting too, especially for the xyls. I got the idea when visiting the Cincinnati Art Museum in February. We took a guided tour there and were impressed by the young lady introducing us to a lot of things we would have missed. But the lasting effect is that now we learned a bit how to look at art and get more out of it!

**For the banquet we need you to make reservations.**  
**Here are the details:** Hamvention 2009 **15/16/17 May**

Holiday Inn, Dayton Airport - Your Hamvention HQ  
NW corner of North Main Street and I-70. (Engelwood)

**Banquet** at the Hotel on Friday 15 May at 7:30PM  
Presentation: A Dayton Jewel (Art Institute)

By Ruth Ann Peck

Register with:

**Jerry Ragland, WA8BOB**

**409 Park Ave**

**Franklin, OH 45005-3550**

Tel (937) 746-5857 Cost per person is \$22.

Vy73, Gerd, WB8IFM

**PS Our Sunday Net on 75m**

**3975 kHz at 1:30PM**

**Chuck, W8TIV, is net control**

**Membership: Jerry Ragland, WA8BOB**  
**409 Park Av, Franklin, OH, 45050-3550**  
**Presently \$ 5 per year**